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In re Patent Application of:  
Daniel F. Justin, et al.

Application No.: 09/966,737 - #3569

Group Art Unit: 3738

Filed: September 28, 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: **EXPANDING LIGAMENT GRAFT FIXATION  
SYSTEM AND METHOD**

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date Granted mailed October 29, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit:

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A Fee Transmittal; and

A check in the amount of \$1258.00.

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Respectfully submitted

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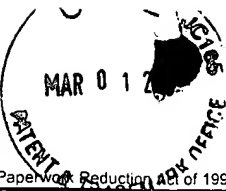
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$18.  
■ \$18 for 1 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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